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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Thong H. Vu
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: Group Art Unit: 2142
Application No.: 10/017,438)
: Filed: December 5, 2001)
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RESPONSE
AND
REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2005 in the above application.

A new Office Action is respectfully requested, for the reason that the instant Office Action contains defects such that Applicants are unable to understand the nature of the rejections entered against the claims. At least three defects are asserted.

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First, in entering an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1 to 16, the Office Action cites to claim language that is inaccurate and does not form part of the pending claims.

Second, and in connection with the same obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the Office Action entered a rejection over Claims 1 to 18 of co-pending Application No. 10/309,884 ("the '884 application"). However, in entering the rejection, the Office Action provides incorrect claim language for the current form of Claim 1 in the '884 application. Indeed, it is respectfully stressed that not all of Claims 1 to 18 of the '884 application are still pending.

As a result of these defects, Applicants are unable to understand the nature of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection entered against Claims 1 to 16, and indeed are not even certain that current claim language has been acted upon.

Likewise, the Office Action enters a rejection of Claims 1 to 16 for anticipation under § 102(e). However, in entering this rejection, the Office Action provides incorrect claim language for the claims, such that Applicants are unable to understand the rejection entered against the claims and are not even certain if the current claim language has been acted upon.

The same is true for the rejection of Claims 1 to 16 for obviousness under § 103(a).

In view of the foregoing defects, Applicants are unsure of the nature of the rejections against the claims, and consequently are unsure of how to formulate a suitable response. A new Office Action is therefore respectfully requested.

It is further respectfully requested to reset the period for response,
commencing with the mailing date of the corrected Office Action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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